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Champlain Tower South – Surfside Updates

June 29, 2021

Our thoughts, prayers and hearts continue to be with the residents and families in the Town of Surfside who have been impacted by the Champlain Tower South building collapse. The entire Bal Harbour Team continue to remain actively involved in supporting the ongoing Federal, State and Miami-Dade County measures taking place during this difficult time.

Bal Harbour Village Building Department

The Bal Harbour Village Building Department has developed a strategic approach for reviewing the current inventory of buildings in the Village, which are covered under Miami-Dade County Section 8-11 (f) Recertification of Buildings and Components. The following actions will be taken:

1. Site visits to conduct assessments on all 52 buildings covered under Miami-Dade County Section 8-11(f). This assessment will focus on determining which buildings meet the required age threshold and are (1) required to conduct their first recertification, or (2) demonstrate that they have already complied with the required recertification process;
2. For those who have not yet recertified, a Notice of Required Inspection will be issued. This notice sets in motion a timeline for satisfactory completion of this process, with an initial report due no later than 90 days from the receipt of the notice and full remediation due within 150 days.

Family Assistance Center in Bal Harbour

Under the leadership of the Bal Harbour Village Team led by Councilman David Albaum and Hotel General Manager Raj Singh, the Sea View Hotel will be utilized by federal, state and local service organizations as a “Family Assistance Center” to provide aide for any displaced residents, as well as support services for family members awaiting news of their loved ones. This center will serve as a one-stop location with a number of service agencies available to assist in a number of areas, such as, housing assistance, transportation, spiritual support and crisis counseling. Families impacted by the Surfside building collapse families can call **305-614-1819** or visit 9301 Collins Avenue (Town of Surfside Community Center) to speak in person with a detective. Detectives are available 24 hours / day. Additional information may be found at www.MiamiDade.gov/emergency.

Donations

The Town of Surfside has been overwhelmed with donations. At this time what is most needed are monetary donations are able to be made thru www.SupportSurfside.org. For a list of additional organizations collecting donations, visit the Town of Surfside’s dedicated Champlain Tower South web page thru <https://bit.ly/3qwU2bH>.

Volunteers

The Town of Surfside has received a tremendous number of volunteer applications from volunteers willing to donate their time in support of those impacted by the incident. At this time, no additional volunteers are needed.

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Prayers and Vigils

Various religious organizations around the community are holding prayer services and / or are accepting donations on behalf of those impacted by the partial building collapse. Find updates by visiting the websites of The Shul at <https://www.theshul.org/8777>, Young Israel at <https://www.yicbh.org/>, Casa Church at <https://www.casachurch.app/>, the Archdiocese of Miami at <https://www.miamiarch.org/> or St. Joseph's Church at <http://www.stjosephmiamibeach.com/>.

Traffic Alert

Please note that traffic is disrupted with street closures. Only residents living in the 33154 zip code will be allowed access into Surfside via 96th Street at Harding Avenue as well as Abbott Avenue **upon showing a photo ID indicating the residential address**. Access and exit points from Bal Harbour Village include the 96th Street Causeway.

4th of July Fireworks

As a sign of respect to the 33154 community, we have cancelled all scheduled special events, including the Independence Day Fireworks scheduled for July 4, 2021. We join other communities who have also cancelled their 4th of July events and fireworks, including the Cities of Surfside, Miami Beach and North Bay Village. Sunny Isles Beach and Key Biscayne had no planned events or fireworks so it appears as if there will not be any fireworks on the beaches of any coastal community in Miami-Dade County. Independence Day will be honored with the displaying of the American Flag.